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Lake Tahoe Water Quality Management Plan

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California Water Quality Control Board

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What is the 208 Plan?

Regional water quality management framework



Water Quality Management Plan

Current 208 Plan – adopted by TRPA in 1988, certified by State Water Board in 1989 (Res. 98-32)

- 7 volumes**
- Overlaps with Regional Plan and Basin Plan**
- Outdated and inconsistent with TMDL**



Regional Plan Update

Amended stormwater regulations align with Lake Tahoe TMDL

Provided for “Area Plans” to allow local government flexibility

Renewed emphasis on environmental restoration



208 Plan Amendment

Align with Lake Tahoe TMDL and Regional Plan Update

Provide a streamlined water quality management framework

Establish conditions for future 208 Plan amendments



Process

TRPA adopted resolution forwarding the 208 Plan to CA and NV for certification

Important Regional Plan Update provisions cannot take effect until 208 Plan is certified

NV certified the 208 Plan in January 2013

Comments

Tahoe Area Sierra Club, Friends of West Shore, and Lozeau Drury, LLP

- 1. Adopted policies insufficiently protect water quality (particularly nearshore)**
- 2. Amended 208 Plan lacks State and public oversight over policy adjustment**
- 3. TRPA's EIS is inadequate**

Comment Response

The Lake Tahoe TMDL provides sound water quality protection policy

TMDL and Regional Plan policy changes will involve substantive public process

Regional Plan Update EIS analysis is comprehensive and complies with CEQA requirements



Recommendation

**Adopt
Resolution
as proposed**



Questions?



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